GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE FOR SOIL EROSION IN COASTAL ZONES
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have provided any assistance to State Governments to control soil erosion in coastal zones;

(b) if so, the details thereof during each of the last three years, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government are aware that Dakshin Kannada district in Karnataka is facing threat of erosion; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to control the same ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) No central assistance to control sea−erosion has been provided by this Ministry to Coastal States/UTs during the last three years. However, on the request of the Government o f Tamil Nadu, Planning Commission has approved a n additional central assistance of Rs. 1.00 crore for the purpose of prevention of coastal erosion in North Chennai during the year 2000-01.

(c) & (d) Mangalore, Udupi & Kundapur talukas in Dakshin Kannada district in Karnataka are affected by Sea- erosion. Government of Karnataka and submitted 7 schemes costing Rs. 10.53 crore for inclusion in the Centrally Sponsored Scheme, namely, "Critical Anti Erosion Works in Coastal & other than Ganga Basin States". Besidesthis, Government of Karnataka had also submitted the revised proposal amounting to Rs.176.207 crore, which envisages construction of 23.875 kms of new sea walls and reformation of 11.005 kms of old damaged sea walls in critical reaches of Mangalore, Udupi and Kundapurtalukas in Dakshin Kannada district and 25.00 kms of new sea walls and reformation of 6.60 kms of old damaged sea walls in critical reaches of Bhatkal, Honnavar, Kunta, Ankola and Karwar talukas in Uttar Kannada district for incorporation in National Coastal Protection Project (NCPP).The aforesaid schemes have been examined in Central Water Commission and comments on the observations of Central Water Commission are awaited from the State Government.